

# STATE HISTORY

## 2007 Third Quarter Report

Preserving and sharing the past for the present and future.

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This report covers State History's activities for the first three quarters of FY2007 and follows the outline of our strategic plan, *History Looks to the Future*.

### HERITAGE RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

*Historical resources are key to the study, understanding, and enjoyment of Utah's unique past. These resources include historic and prehistoric structures and sites; visual, oral, and written documents; artifacts; traditions and lifeways; communities; and landscapes.*

#### Resource preservation

##### *Documentary materials*

State History continued to collect, preserve, and process documentary materials that would otherwise be lost. Research Center/Collections staff:

- Added more than 520 books and pamphlets to its collections.
- Added 170 manuscript and photograph collections to the online catalog.
- Re-sleeved and labeled 62,711 negatives in acid-free envelopes.
- Processed 62 large photograph collections and made them available to the public, which included the final processing of the Eugene Jelesnik Photograph Collection—164 boxes.
- With the help of an intern processed 30 manuscript collections. This included the final processing of the Samuel Woolley Taylor papers. Taylor wrote many books on Utah and Mormon history as well as being a writer for Disney Studios.
- Received 168 new donations, including the Hamilton Gardner papers donated by Mary Ann Gardner; negatives and newspaper clippings photographed and written by Reed L. Madsen, staff writer/photographer with *Deseret News*, 1950-1998, of southern Utah counties; Friendship Circle 1941-1950 minute book; Friendship Circle roll book; Ladies Literary Club newspaper clippings, Duo piano 8 x 10 picture and program; 8 reel-to-reel tapes, 24 movies in cases, and 12 loose movies donated by Mary Alice Clark and Joseph H. Jeppson; and the Memory Grove Restoration Bicentennial 1976 Collection donated by Faye Broadhead Lundquist.

The Collections Management Section in collaboration with Utah State University, Weber State University, University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and the Utah State Archives received an LSTA grant for the creation of a website that will enable patrons to search all these institutions' registers of manuscript and photograph collections.

Linda Thatcher attended the "A. Dean Larsen Book Collecting Conference" on March 19-30 held at Brigham Young University.

*Historic Artifacts* Information for 200 artifacts was entered into the collections database.

#### *Historic Buildings*

*National Register* State History staff helped 118 properties gain National Register listing, including the Evergreen Historic District in East Millcreek, Copperton Community Methodist Church, Mills-Hancock House in Centerville, Verde Homestead in Helper, John Dumke House in Ogden, and the Seventh-Day Adventist Meetinghouse and School in SLC. 6 properties were removed from National Register status, because they were either demolished or lost their historical integrity. These include the Giacomo & Maria Bruno Farmstead in Helper, Joseph Hunter House in Cedar City, Bonnyview Elementary School in Murray, George Dansie Farmstead in Riverton, Redman Van & Storage Co. in Sugar House, and the Shupe-Williams Candy Co. Factory in Ogden.

*Tax credits* Staff helped historic property owners successfully fill the requirements for state and federal tax credits. During this period, there were:

- 101 state tax credit projects totaling \$12,574,587 in progress
- 19 state tax credit projects totaling \$5,108,054 approved
- 11 federal tax credit projects totaling \$17,821,172 in progress
- 3 federal tax projects totaling \$4,352,600 approved.

*Preservation grants* State History entered into contracts with 20 Certified Local Governments for the 2007-2008 grant period. More than \$100,000 was committed in grant funds. State History continues to administer 28 CLG grants, totaling \$102,500, for the 2006-2007 grant cycle. These grants are used for building rehabilitation, public education, National Register nominations, and surveys.

#### *Archaeological resources*

The legislature passed SB204, "Ancient Human Remains." This bill appropriates funds to State History to excavate and process human remains found on private land.

## Public interaction with resources

### *The Utah History Research Center*

- Served 11,722 patrons
- Filled 321 photograph orders with 2,001 photos ordered
- Pulled and re-filed 16,598 books, manuscripts and photographs.

### *Tours*

State History provided tours to Granite School District teachers, students under the supervision of Prof. Martha Sonntag Bradley from the University of Utah, a small group invited by Board of State History member Chere Romney, staff members from the LDS church's Family History Library, Alpine School District teachers, and students under the supervision of Catherine McKay from Weber State University. Research center staff also gave a family history presentation to missionary training staff of the LDS church.

## Digital Resources

*GIS database* Development of the GIS database moved forward with financial support from state and federal agencies participating in cooperative agreements. All archaeologists for BLM, UDOT, NRCS, DWR, and State Trust Lands now have live access to the GIS database. The transfer of data from paper maps to the GIS database continues, with approximately 80 percent of the state complete. Work also continues on web-based access for consultants.

*Archaeological database* 666 Cultural Resource Management (CRM) surveys were conducted throughout the state. The vast majority of CRM activity in the state this year has been in the Uintah Basin due to an upsurge in oil and gas exploration, the likes of which has not been seen since the 1980s. 810 reports and 1,269 site forms were accessioned. In the first quarter of state fiscal year 2007, 1,222 new archaeological sites were located and recorded throughout the state. The archaeological resources database now contains information on a total of 26,017 projects and 57,673 sites throughout the state.

*Historic sites database* The Division added or updated 690 sites to its historic sites database. AGRC has digitized all of the Utah National Register Historic Districts and gave a demonstration of the database to staff.

*Burials database* State History maintains a [burials database](#). The web-based burial search includes more than 557,262 records and receives 500,000+ hits per quarter. Information from the following cemeteries was added: Cleveland, Mt. Pleasant, and Ivins. Information from the following cemeteries was updated: Avalon, Dry Fork, Gusher, Hayden, Jensen, LaPoint, Leota, Maeser, Rock Point, Tridell, Uintah Family, and—most importantly—Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Recent new cemeteries added to the database include Gunnison and Manti cemeteries.

### *Digital collections*

Audio State History has digitized the original soundtracks of 100 oral histories and several Utah House/Senate floor debates, which are available on CD with a transcript for patron use.

Photographs State History has made thousands of [high-quality images](#) available online. Work began on digitizing the “Classified” photo collection, which will add another 2,000 images to State History’s website. We now have 22,000+ images online for the public to view.

## **Section 106/404 Review**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the State Historic Preservation Office received 1,239 new cases and reviewed 1,386 projects affecting archaeological sites, historical sites, or both. Archaeological projects were related to oil and gas exploration projects; mine exploration, development and closure; transportation infrastructure enhancements; recreation development; and other economic development activities.

In accordance with Section 106/404 review, SHPO worked with several agencies to discuss projects and find creative ways to mitigate adverse effects of projects. These have included production of public outreach efforts, such as roadside informational kiosks, notices in professional publications, and production of other public interpretation products that have returned information gained in compliance with federal and state law to the citizens of the state and region.

The division completed a major overhaul of the preservation law section on the website.

## **Heritage Areas**

After nine years of State History helping to lay the groundwork, Congress created two national heritage areas in Utah: The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and the Great Basin National Heritage Area. This legislation will bring significant federal funding into these areas to assist with the preservation, interpretation, and marketing of heritage resources.

## **HERITAGE EDUCATION**

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*Heritage education connects adults and children with the past, motivates them to discover for themselves the excitement of the past and empowers them to think about the past and present in new ways. Those who understand history are better citizens, better neighbors, and better decision-makers.*

## **Community Education**

### *Events*

The Annual Meeting, held September 14-16, included workshops, history sessions, award presentations, annual history address, tours, a Friday evening 1950s-themed open house and presentation, and other activities that attracted approximately 800 people.

### *Presentations*

- Melissa Ferguson presented a paper on Marie Ogden at the Utah State Historical Society annual meeting.
- Volunteer Mike Rose gave a presentation on “Remembering Pearl Harbor” to the Mormon Battalion Company B.
- Andrew Yentsch gave a lecture at the Rio Grande Depot on the Prison Site archaeological investigations.
- Ron Rood gave a lecture at the Rio Grande Depot on the human remains found in Nephi.
- Ron Rood made a presentation to the USAS chapter in Price.
- Kristen Jensen provided a presentation to DCC staff about the possibilities of GIS.
- Nelson Knight made a presentation on Historic building rehabilitation at the Green Buildings conference.

### *Exhibits*

2006 State History Fair award-winning exhibits were displayed in the Rio Grande lobby.

## **Public and Higher Education**

### *History*

- The Utah State Historical Society distributed teaching kits on archaeology, mining, country schools, water, black women, women suffrage, farming in Utah, the Mormon Trail, ghost towns, Saltair, and the Denver and Rio Grande Depot. These kits were used by 739 students.
- Bonnie Rogers presented “Water As Seen Through the Eyes of a Pioneer Woman” outreach program to all the fourth grade classes at Centerville Elementary as part of their 2007 Water Fair and also to two fourth grade classes at Hill Field Elementary.
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- Ron Rood made a presentation on the Archaeology of Utah at Ensign Elementary School for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- Volunteer Alan Hill gave a presentation on mountain men to two fourth grade classes at Hill Field Elementary.
- State History provided internships to five interns from Westminster College, the University of Utah, and Salt Lake Community College.
- State History provided information on State History's Educational Resources for the Granite and Jordan School Districts Seminar held March 10, 2007.
- State History staff participated in two regional History Fairs and the State History Fair as judges. State History presented three cash awards at the State History Fair: "Best Utah History Entry" (\$1,000), "State History Award" (\$500), and the "Charles S. Peterson Award" (\$500).

## Technical Training Programs

### *Historic Preservation*

- Staff provided historical architectural consulting for a wide variety of state, local, and federal agencies. This assistance helped the agencies leverage their funds and make better preservation decisions. State History's database of articles, how-to publications, and contractor lists provided additional resources for architects and historic property owners.
- Representatives of more than 30 Certified Local Governments attended an annual workshop, which included presentations on Preserve America's Communities, Working with Elected Officials, Historic Landscapes, Researching 1950s subdivisions in Moab, and a tour of the new Artspace project in the historic ZCMI Warehouse.

### *Other*

Kent Powell gave training in oral histories to the Taylorsville Historical Society, at the Rio Grande Depot.

## Publications

State History produced three issues of the *Utah Historical Quarterly*. The *Quarterly* began its 75th year of publishing and preserving the latest research on Utah history for the benefit of the public and to support future scholarship.

State History published three issues of the *History Currents* newspaper and distributed 24,000 copies to Utah State Historical Society members, libraries statewide, public gathering places, and classrooms statewide.

The tenth annual edition of *Utah Preservation* was published. The decision was made to discontinue printing a magazine but continue publishing *Utah Preservation* in electronic form.

[Utah Historical Quarterly](#) and [History Currents](#) were available on State History's web site. *Currents* also goes to a growing list of e-mail subscribers.

State History offered cash awards for the year's best books on Utah history, the best articles published in *Utah Historical Quarterly*, the best article on Utah history not published in *UHQ*, and the best article on Utah women's history by a college student.

## **PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKING**

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*State History's philosophy is that working together as partners and in various networks is more effective and efficient than working alone. The Division therefore strives to establish and maintain productive collaborations.*

### **Grants**

State History works with many partners to preserve, interpret, and educate about the past. State History is currently administering 73 grants (including 48 CLG grants).

The Italian-Americans in Utah documentary grant appropriated by the legislature was paid out.

### **Partners**

State History continued to work with and support its heritage partners, particularly the state's 91 Certified Local Governments.

State History continued to work in ongoing partnerships such as the Interagency Task Force, Utah Humanities Council, Utah Cultural Alliance, Center for Documentary Arts, Museum of Utah Art and History, Utah Historic Trails Consortium, Utah Heritage Product Alliance, Community Cultural Heritage Coordinating Council, Utah Oral History Consortium, Utah Manuscripts Association, State Records Committee, Geographic Names Committee, Oregon-California Trails Association, Utah History Fair at Utah State University, American Association for State and Local History, and National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers.

A network of volunteers expanded State History's work and influence. Thousands of volunteers work statewide as part of our partner organizations. Within the building, volunteers gave 1,728 hours.

Utah State Historical Society Fellows and Advisory Board of Editors met to discuss Division/Society issues.

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

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*The Division vigorously promotes an awareness and understanding of its activities and of the significance of Utah's heritage. Those citizens who are not traditionally part of the heritage community are included in communication and outreach efforts.*

### Internet

The Division's content-rich web sites continued to serve a large number of individuals. During the first two quarters, the three web sites received hundreds of thousands of visits:

<a href="http://history.utah.gov">history.utah.gov</a>	5,906,815 hits
<a href="http://historytogo.utah.gov">historytogo.utah.gov</a>	2,833,244 hits
<a href="http://historyforkids.utah.gov">historyforkids.utah.gov</a>	2,878,498 hits

These figures do not include visits to the [cemeteries database](#) or [historyresearch.utah.gov](http://historyresearch.utah.gov), the website for the Utah History Research Center. The History To Go Web site, [historytogo.utah.gov](http://historytogo.utah.gov), is a valuable resource for students, teachers, and others. The Kids Page, at [historyforkids.utah.gov](http://historyforkids.utah.gov), provides useful pages for school reports plus engaging pages that make history educational and fun. Student queries from around the country are answered by a referral to the Kids Page.

### Media

State History informed the public of Division events, services, and news through 14 press releases and public service announcements and numerous calendar items. TV and radio appearances by State History representatives publicized the USHS Annual Meeting. State History figured prominently in at least 76 radio, tv, or newspaper stories. Subjects covered included the annual meeting; history and archaeology of human remains discovered in Nephi, Utah; and the proposed demolition of the First Security Building. State History's quarterly newspaper *History Currents* published news about the Division and its partners as well as publishing articles and photos that showed the importance of preserving and understanding the past.

### Membership

The Division managed a membership program for 3,573 members of the Utah State Historical Society, which includes 371 new members this quarter. Membership campaigns included Statehood Day, Mormon History Association, Sons of Utah Pioneers, "Gift Idea" to members and State History and Research Center patrons, Granite and Jordan School District teachers, educators using Teaching Kits, Share History drive, State History web site, State History patrons,



Utah History Research Center patrons, *Currents* newsletter and staff-distributed applications.

**Public outreach**

The Division director, associate director, and staff members spoke to groups and conferences about Utah history, the Division programs, heritage tourism, and resource development.

**PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

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*Understanding the past improves public policy. State History sought to make the relevance of history to current issues more visible and also to educate leaders about the importance of heritage efforts in the state.*

The division worked with DCC, the Division of Indian Affairs, and legislators to help draft and work for passage of SB204, “Ancient Human Remains.” This bill appropriates funds to State History to excavate and process human remains found on private land.

State History’s Strategic Planning Team meet weekly to discuss, analyze, and evaluate issues crucial to the division’s future. They made preliminary recommendations and continue the work to create a complete strategic plan.